

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 2006-50-WS – ORDER NO. 2006-116

FEBRUARY 27, 2006

IN RE: Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and)	ORDER GRANTING
James C. Thigpen for Expedited Approval of a)	MOTION FOR
Transfer of Assets of Goat Island Water and)	CONFIDENTIAL
Sewer Company, Inc.; the Transfer of)	TREATMENT
Operating Authority of Goat Island Water and)	
Sewer Company, Inc.; and Transfer of all)	
Sewer Service System without Limitations to)	
all Customers of Goat Island Water and Sewer)	
Company, Inc. of Clarendon County, South)	
Carolina.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (Commission) on the Motion filed by Timothy P. Oliver (Joint Applicant) to exclude confidential information in the present proceeding. The requested confidential treatment by the Joint Applicant pertains to the February 1, 2006, filing of a Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen for expedited approval of the transfer of assets and authority of Goat Island Water and Sewer Company, Inc.

According to the Joint Applicant, information contained in the Joint Application contains personal financial information of the parties to this proceeding and if such information is publicly released, it could cause irreparable harm to the involved parties. Therefore, the Joint Applicant requests that the Commission exclude such information. Pursuant to Commission Order No. 2005-226, "Order Requiring Designation of

Confidential Materials”, issued May 6, 2005, the Joint Applicant delineates in the Motion the material for which the confidential treatment is sought and such information was filed in a separate package clearly marked “confidential.”

The Office of Regulatory Staff (ORS), by letter dated February 15, 2006, advises that the ORS does not object to the Motion that confidential information contained in the Joint Application be treated as confidential.

The South Carolina Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) allows exemption from disclosure proprietary business information that meets a definition of “personal information.” S.C. Code Ann. Section 30-4-40(a)(2) states that matters which may be exempt from FOIA include: “(2) Information of a personal nature where the public disclosure thereof would constitute unreasonable invasion of personal privacy.”

We find that the information for which the Joint Applicant seeks protection as confidential falls within the definition of materials which may be exempted from disclosure under FOIA. The Commission therefore grants the Motion of the Joint Applicant and provides that the aforementioned information provided in the Joint Application to the Commission shall be considered proprietary and confidential and filed under seal.

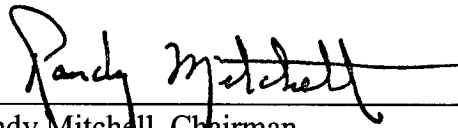
IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Motion of Timothy P. Oliver to exclude confidential material included in the Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen is granted. The Commission and Commission Staff shall treat the materials as confidential, and such

materials shall not be subject to public disclosure absent further order of this Commission.

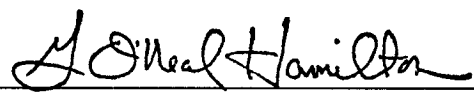
2. This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:



Randy Mitchell, Chairman

ATTEST:



G. O'Neal Hamilton, Vice Chairman

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